

Tuesday, October 16, 2012

Dear Members of the Senate Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes Committee:

I am aware that during the committee meeting this Wednesday, Oct. 17 at 8:00 am, you will be having a hearing on the establishment of a game season for wolves in Michigan. I am opposed to adding wolves to the list of game species in Michigan and urge you to join me in this position. These are the reasons why:

There is no gray wolves overpopulation in Michigan. The come back of the gray wolves in Michigan (called by many "one of the greatest wildlife survival stories in U.S. history") has taken a long time and, despite their recent delisting, their population is yet not fully recovered. At one time, gray wolves used to be present in all 83 counties and now they can be found almost exclusively in the Upper Peninsula.

Conflicts between wolves and humans are already being addressed. The state's current comprehensive wolf management plan has provisions that allow farmers and landowners to use lethal methods (when other non-lethal methods are not available) to stop wolves from attacking their livestock or pets.

We have seen other states declaring a war on wolves and allowing these beautiful predators to be massacred in large numbers under very cruel conditions. Don't allow this to happen in our beautiful state. Please protect Michigan's gray wolves!

Sincerely,

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